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**KILLEEN WOMAN SENTENCED TO 210 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF HER CHILDREN**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Waco, Texas, United States District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr., sentenced Theresa Clouse aka T.C. to 210 months in federal prison for sexually exploiting her two minor children. Her boyfriend, Wesley Paul Whitcomb, was sentenced last year to 30 years imprisonment for his role in the sexual exploitation of the minor children.

Had this case gone to trial, the government was prepared to prove that images were recovered on Whitcomb's computer involving sexually explicit conduct with the minor children. The defendant, Theresa Clouse, having custody and control of the minors knowingly permitted and attempted to permit the minor children to engage in sexually explicit conduct in that she knew that her boyfriend Wesley Paul Whitcomb had set up cameras to capture nude images of her children.

On May 19, 2005, Whitcomb pled guilty to an indictment which consisted of only one count of sexual exploitation of children. In his plea, the defendant admitted that in June 2004, he knowingly submitted numerous live webcam images of sexual activity involving the two children to internet chat rooms.

Judge Smith also fined Clouse \$1,000 and ordered that she be placed under supervised release for a period of five years after completing her prison term.

This case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Greg Gloff.

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